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REMARKS

In Applicants' Response dated June 29, 2004 to the Office Action mailed June 17, 2004, applicants omitted corrections requested to overcome noted informalities in the specification. By present supplemental amendment, applicants have amended the drawings and specification to overcome the objections made to the specification. The Office action also objected to Figure 1 of the drawings requesting that it should be designated by a legend such as – Prior Art —because only that which is old is illustrated. To the contrary, Figure 1 is a diagram of an operating environment of an exemplary embodiment in which the invention may be practiced and therefore Figure 1 does not illustrate *only* that which is old. For example, the computer-implemented methods of applicants' invention may be realized in part as one or more programs such as that described in conjunction with Figure 1. See lines 19-20 on page 25 of the specification and lines 4-5 on page 26 of the specification. Thus, no correction to Figure 1 is required.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in good and proper form for allowance. A favorable action on the part of the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would further expedite the allowance of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (425) 836-3030.

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